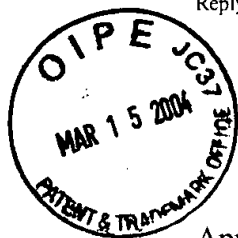


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### **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 30, 2003**

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as provided below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.